

# RECLAMATION

## *Managing Water in the West*

**MT DROUGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**RESERVOIR AND RIVER OPERATIONS**

**May 23, 2007**



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### Summary of Reservoir Conditions

May 20, 2007 May-July Forecast 1,000 Acre-Feet						
RESERVOIR NAME	CONTENT KAF	% OF AVG	SNOW WATER CONTENT	% OF AVG	MAY-JUL KAF FORECAST	% OF AVG
Clark Canyon	123,105	75	2.69	30	25	33
Canyon Ferry	1,709,164	109	2.94	24	799	48
Gibson	94,215	129	0.3	6	320	73
Lake Elwell	724,157	95	3.86	31	286	68
Lake Sherburne	33,939	134	16.1	76	80	84
Fresno Reservoir	92,200	137	N.A.	N.A	43	108
Bighorn Lake	891,817	104	3.61	35	560	55



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### Lima Reservoir

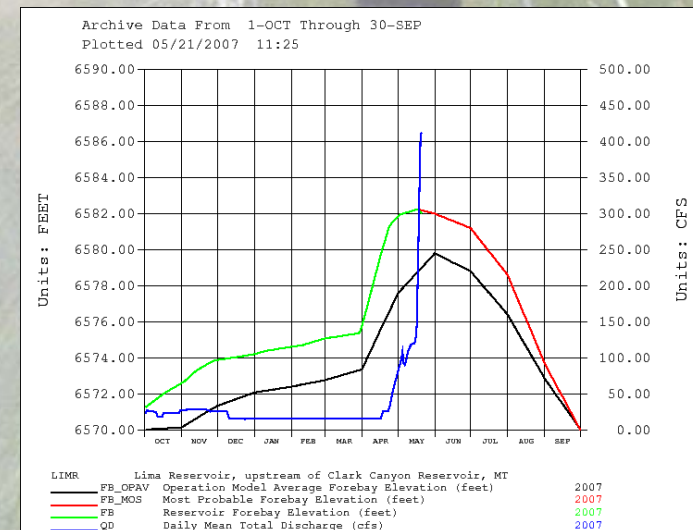
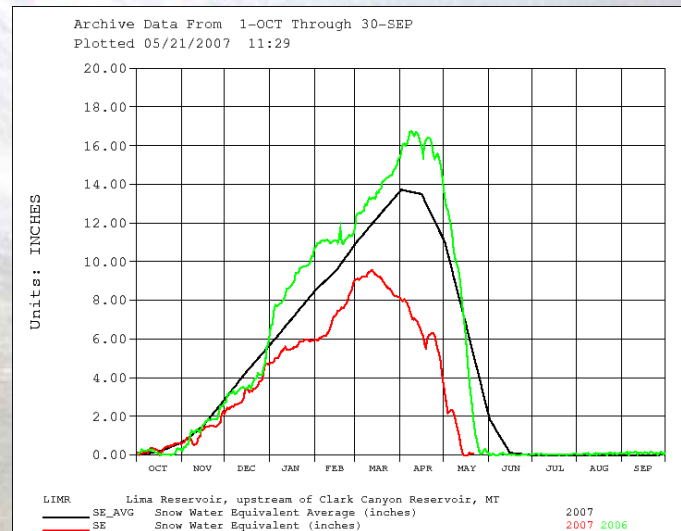
Inflows to Lima are well below normal

Snowpack is melted out

Storage @ 103% of average & 77% full

Releases are being maintained @ about 410 cfs

Water supply outlook looks less favorable as compared to last year, but water users are still expected to receive full water supplies this year



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### Clark Canyon Reservoir

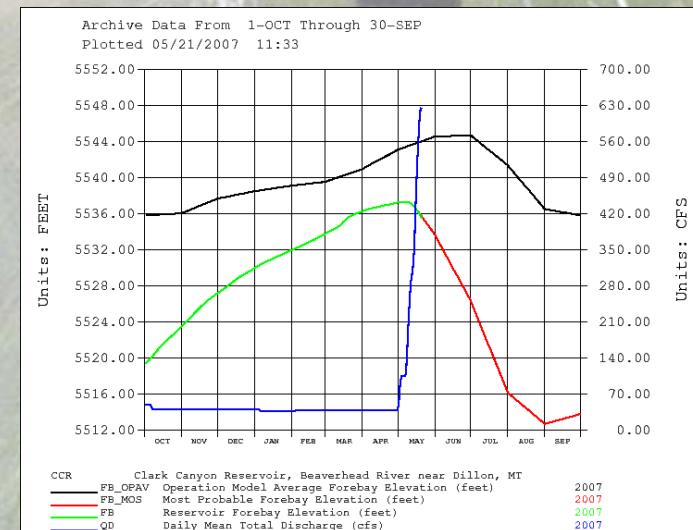
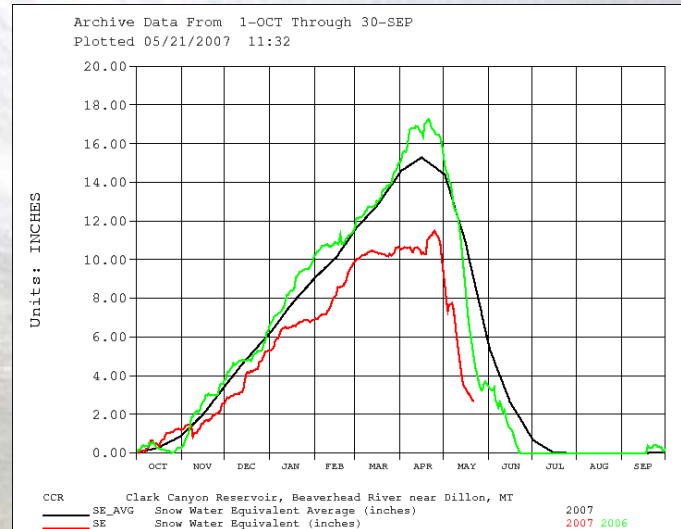
Snowpack @ 30% of average

Inflows to Clark Canyon are well below average @ only 12% of ave.

Storage @ 123,100 af, 75% of average, 71% full, and 1.2 ft or 5,130 af more than last year

Releases maintained @ 625 cfs to meet irrigation demands

For 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, EBID & CCWS are expected to receive full water supplies



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### Hebgen Reservoir (PPL-MT)

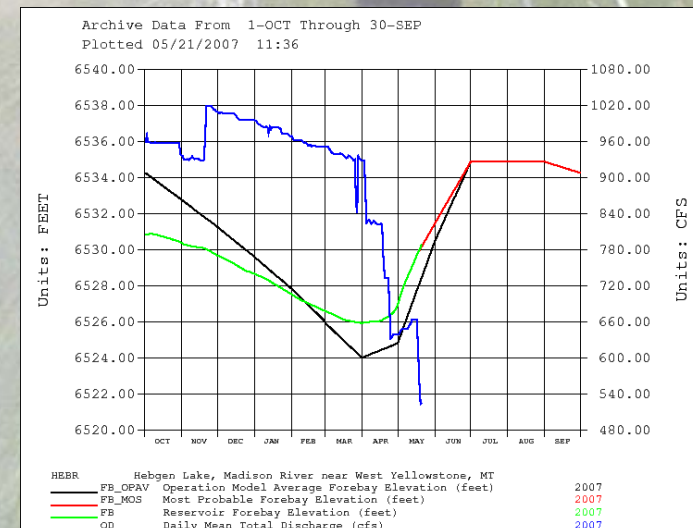
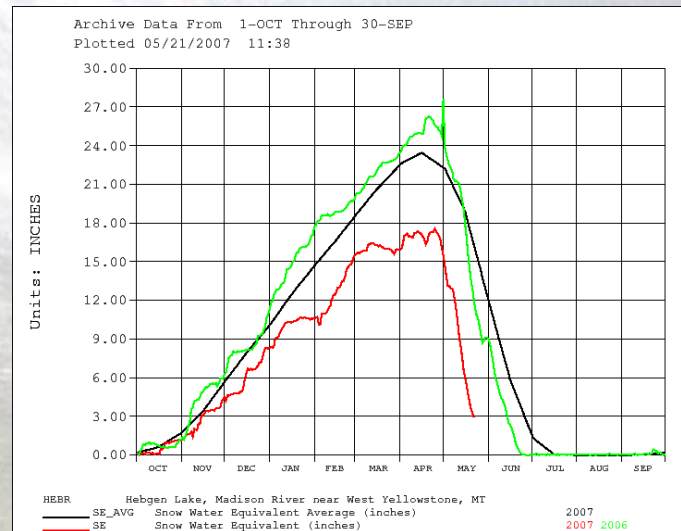
Snowpack @ 20% of average

Currently releasing 525 cfs to  
Madison River

Storage @ 107% of average &  
85% full

Reservoir is slowly filling and  
expect to fill to elevation 6535  
in June and remain near full all  
summer

Water supply outlook is fair



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### Canyon Ferry Reservoir

Snowpack @ 24% of average

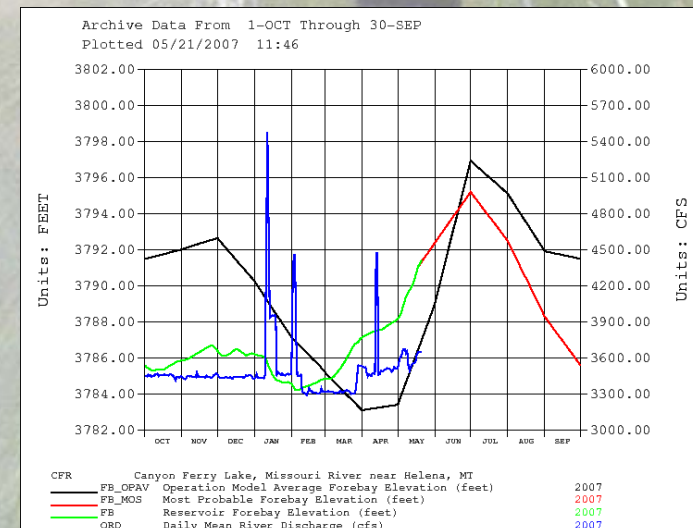
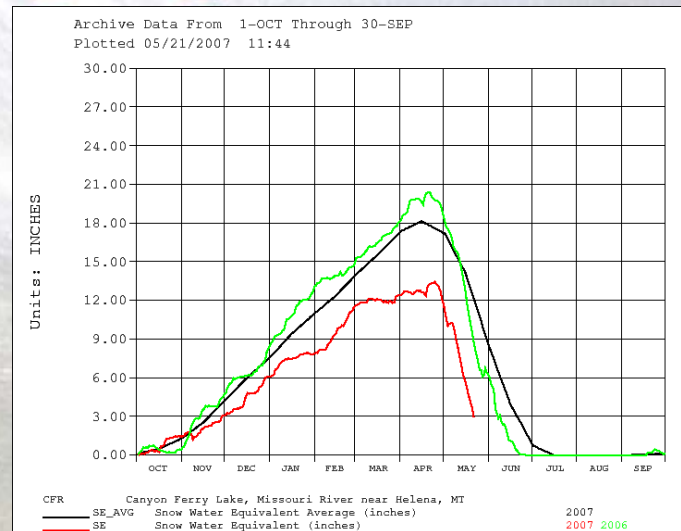
Storage @ 109% of average, 90% full, & 11.9 ft higher than last year

Releases maintained @ near 3,500 cfs below Holter Dam

Expect storage to fill to normal full pool in June

As storage approaches full pool, releases out of Canyon Ferry may be increased to control the rate of fill

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### Gibson Reservoir

Snowpack @ 6% of average

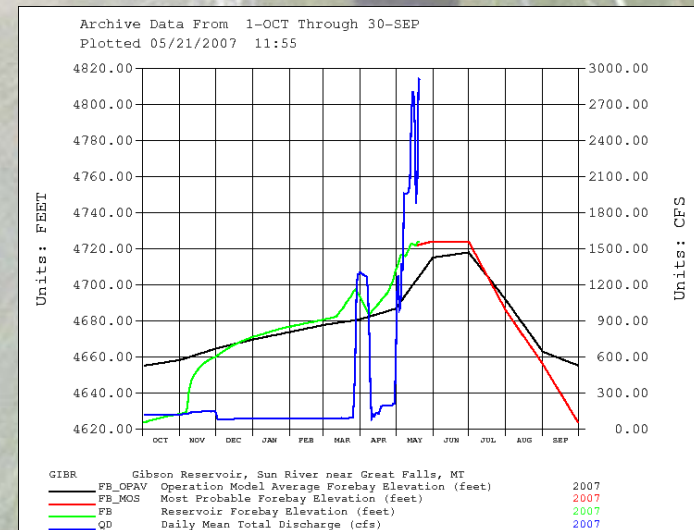
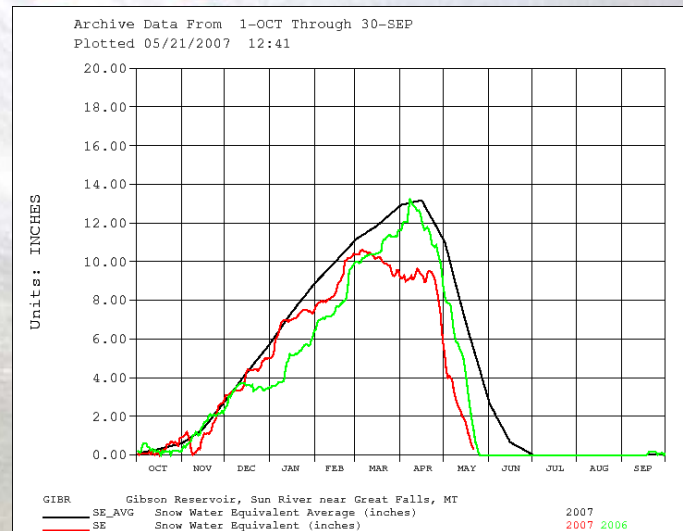
Inflows are about normal

Storage @ 129% of average, 99% full, and 7.4 ft or 9,400 af higher than last year

Storages in Willow Creek & Pishkun Reservoirs are essentially full

Currently releasing 1,380 cfs to Sun River to control rate of fill

All reservoirs essentially full, but lack of precipitation this summer could cause water users to experience water shortages later this summer



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### Tiber Reservoir

**Snowpack @ 31% of average**

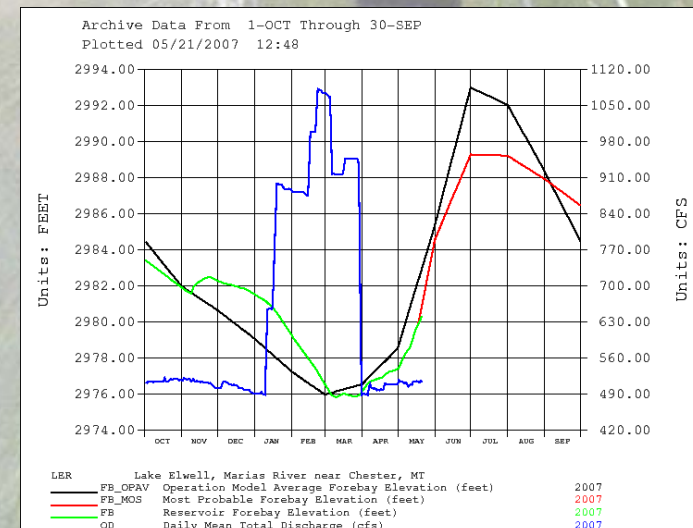
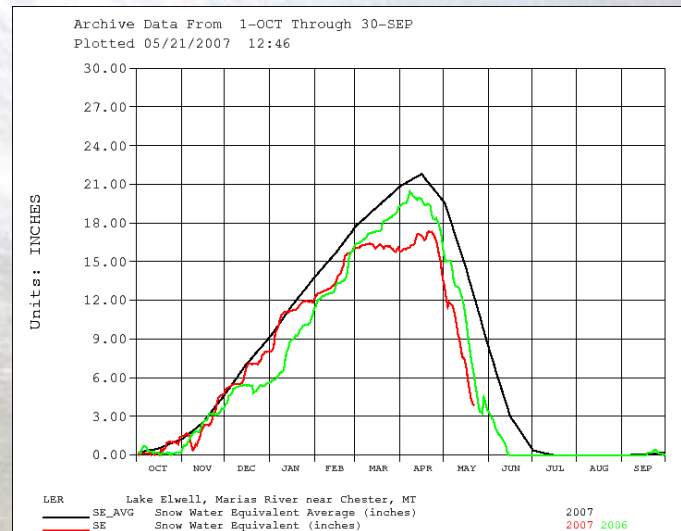
**Inflows continue to be below normal**

**Storage @ 95% of average, 78% full  
and 4.2 ft lower than last year**

**Plans are to continue releasing the  
desired minimum flow of 500 cfs**

**Expect to fill Tiber to within 4-5 feet  
of normal full pool in June**

**Water supply outlook is fair**



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### Lake Sherburne

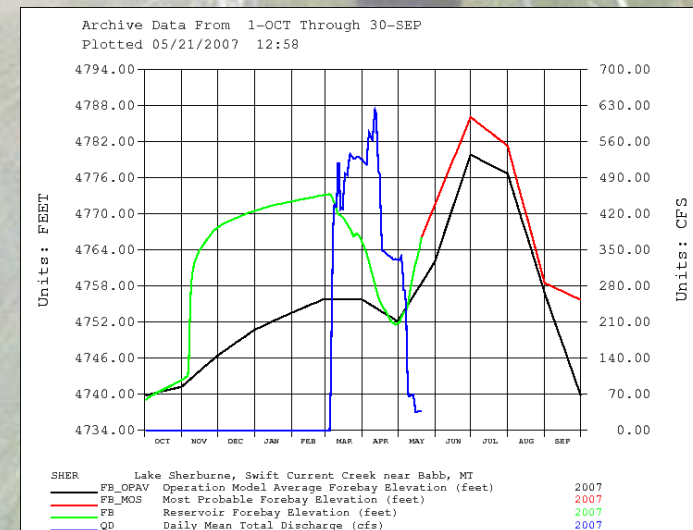
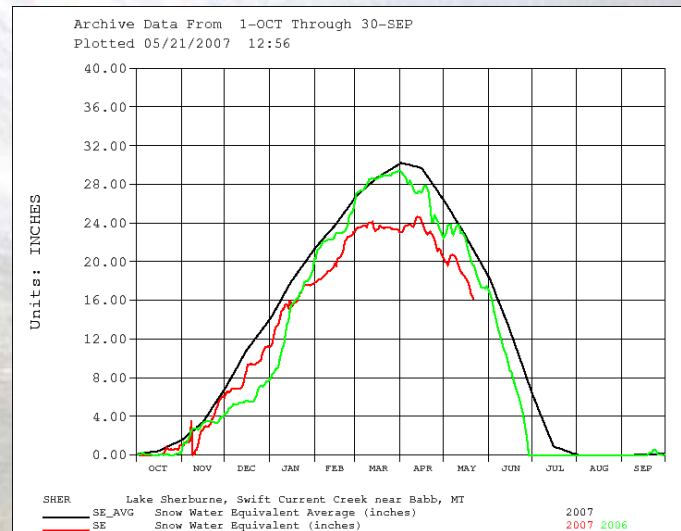
Snowpack @ 76% of average

Inflows are near to above normal

Storage @ 134 percent of average,  
51% full, and 15.7 feet or 16,700 af  
higher than last year

Releases from Lake Sherburne are  
40 cfs and we are currently diverting  
water from St. Mary River Basin to  
Milk River @ rate of 645 cfs

Water supply outlook is good



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### Fresno Reservoir

Currently diverting 645 cfs from St. Mary Basin to Milk River

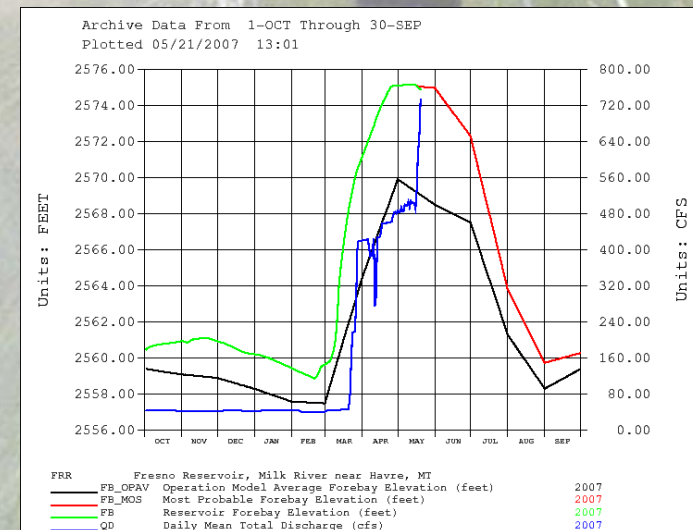
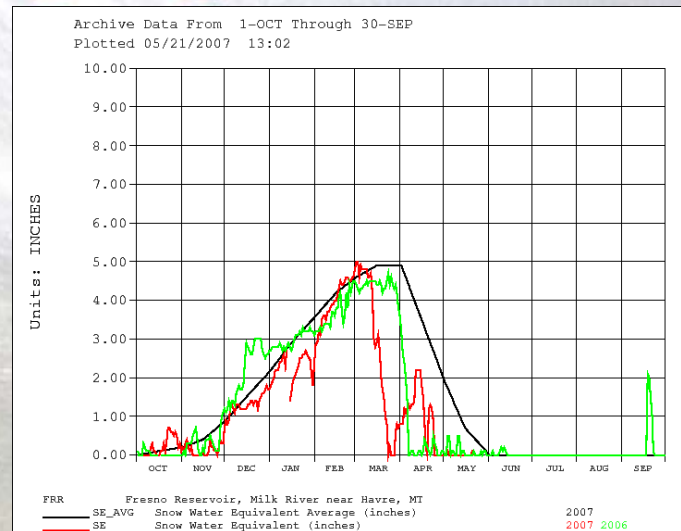
Storage @ 137% of average, 100% full, and 0.33 ft or 1,590 af higher than last year

Currently releasing 730 cfs to the Milk River to meet demands

Storage is expected to slowly decrease as irrigation demands on storage begins to increase

Water supply outlook is good

No irrigation shortages are anticipated this year



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Archive Data From 1-OCT Through 30-SEP  
Plotted 05/21/2007 13:07

Units: FEET

Units: CFS

BHR Bighorn Lake (Yellowtail), Bighorn River near Fort Smith, MT  
 FB\_OPAV Operation Model Average Forebay Elevation (feet)  
 FB\_MOS Most Probable Forebay Elevation (feet)  
 FB Reservoir Forebay Elevation (feet)  
 ORD Raily Mean River Discharge (cfs)

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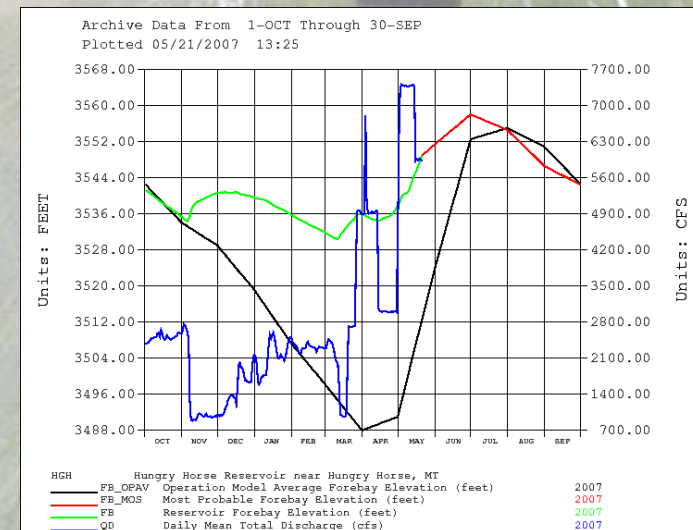
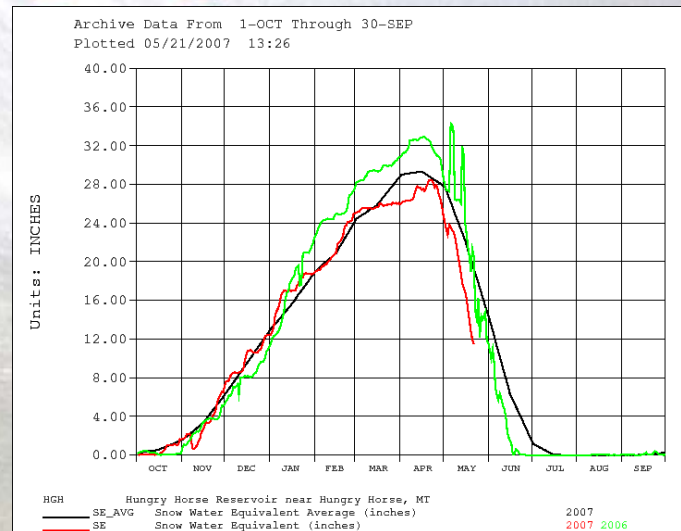
### Hungry Horse Reservoir

Snowpack @ 61% of average

Storage @ 131% of average &  
93% full

Releasing 5,900 cfs to river

Plan to fill Hungry Horse in June



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